

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 15-22, and 26-28 are pending in this application after this Amendment.

This Amendment is being made supplemental to the Reply filed July 19, 2004. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the claim amendments included herein, together with the amendments to the specification and remarks filed July 19, 2004.

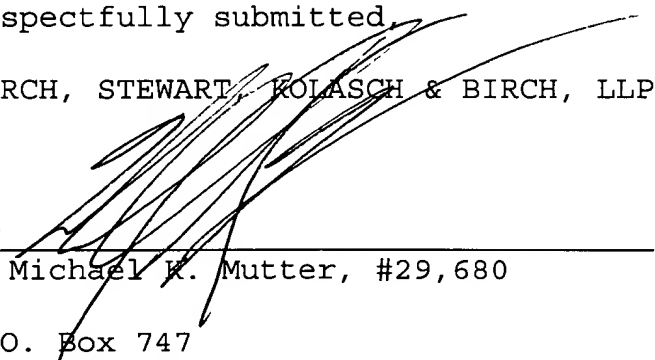
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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